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Sir:

Pursuant to the Notice of Allowance mailed October 29, 2003 in the above-referenced U.S. patent application, Applicants kindly request further amendment of the application as follows: